THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Central Government has received requisite documents from the State Government of Gujarat for according clearance under Coastal Regulation Zone, Notification, 1991.

(d) After examination of the documents the Ministry has sought additional clarifications on issues relating to Environment Impact Assessment of the project from M/s Dholera Port Limited *vide* this Ministry's letter dated 16.9.2005, which is still awaited.

Waste treatment and disposable facilities

1875.SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cities which have set up suitable waste treatment and disposable facilities under the Municipal Solid Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2000;

(b) whether it is a fact that India produces 42 million tonnes of urban solid waste annually; and

(c) what measures Government are taking in coordination with the States and Local municipalities to maintain the urban waste to the minimum level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) As per the information provided by the Central Pollution Control Board, Vijayawada, Thirumala and Vizianagaram in Andhra Pradesh, Kamrup in Assam, Dhamtari, Jagadalpur, Rajnandgaon, Raipur, Korba, Bhilai, Durg and Raigarh in Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Ahmedabad and Junagarh in Gujarat, Shimla, Solan, Una, Sirmour, Bilaspur, Dharamshala, Kangra, Hamirpur, Kullu and Mandi in Himachal Pradesh, Bangalore, Mysore, and Mangalore in Karnataka, Thiruvananthapuram, Kozhikode, Adoor, Atingal, Thirussur, Chalakundy and Changanasery in Kerala, Indore, Bhopal and Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh, Nasik, Akola, Mumbai, Miraj-Kuped, Pimri-Chinchawad, Pune, Kolhapur, Barsi, Icholkaranji, Melegaon, Dhule, Wharda, Virar, Bhiwandi, Nizampur, Ambarnath and Aurangabad in Maharashtra, Shillong and Tura

in Meghalaya, Baliapada, Puri and Paradeep in Orissa, Jalandhar in Punjab, Pondicherry, Jaipur in Rajasthan, Gangtok in Sikkim, Nagarkoil and Tirupur in Tamil Nadu and Kolkata in West Bengal have set up composting plants. Hyderabad, Vijayawada and Guntur in Andhra Pradesh, and Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh have set up Waste to energy plants. Surat in Gujarat, Karwarputtur in Karnataka, Nasik and Pune in Maharashtra have set up landfills.

(b) As per the information provided by the Ministry of Urban Development, India produces around 42.0 million tons of municipal solid waste annually and 1.4 lakh tons of waste everyday.

(c) Following are some of the measures taken for solid waste management including waste minimization:—

- The Ministry of Urban Development facilitates and provides technical assistance to Urban Local Bodies (ULB) for management of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) in a scientific and hygienic manner and has published a Manual on "Municipal Solid Waste Management" which provides detailed guidelines for planning, designing, operating and maintaining solid waste collection, storage, transportation, treatment and disposal systems including methods of waste minimization. They have also circulated guidelines to the State Governments for using the Twelfth Finance Commission grants for management of Municipal Solid Waste in a scientific and hygienic manner.

- The Central Twelfth Finance Commission has devolved Rs.2,500/- crores to ULBs through State Governments for developing appropriate segregation, collection, storage, transportation, treatment and disposal system in a time bound manner in urban areas (from the year 2005 to 2010 A.D.)

- The Central Pollution Control Board organizes training programmes and has published reports for providing technical support to local bodies for the management of the municipal solid waste.

- The Ministry of Environment and the Central Pollution Control Board have funded projects for the setting up model demonstrating facilities for the management of municipal solid waste as per the Municipal Solid Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2000 on cost sharing basis.